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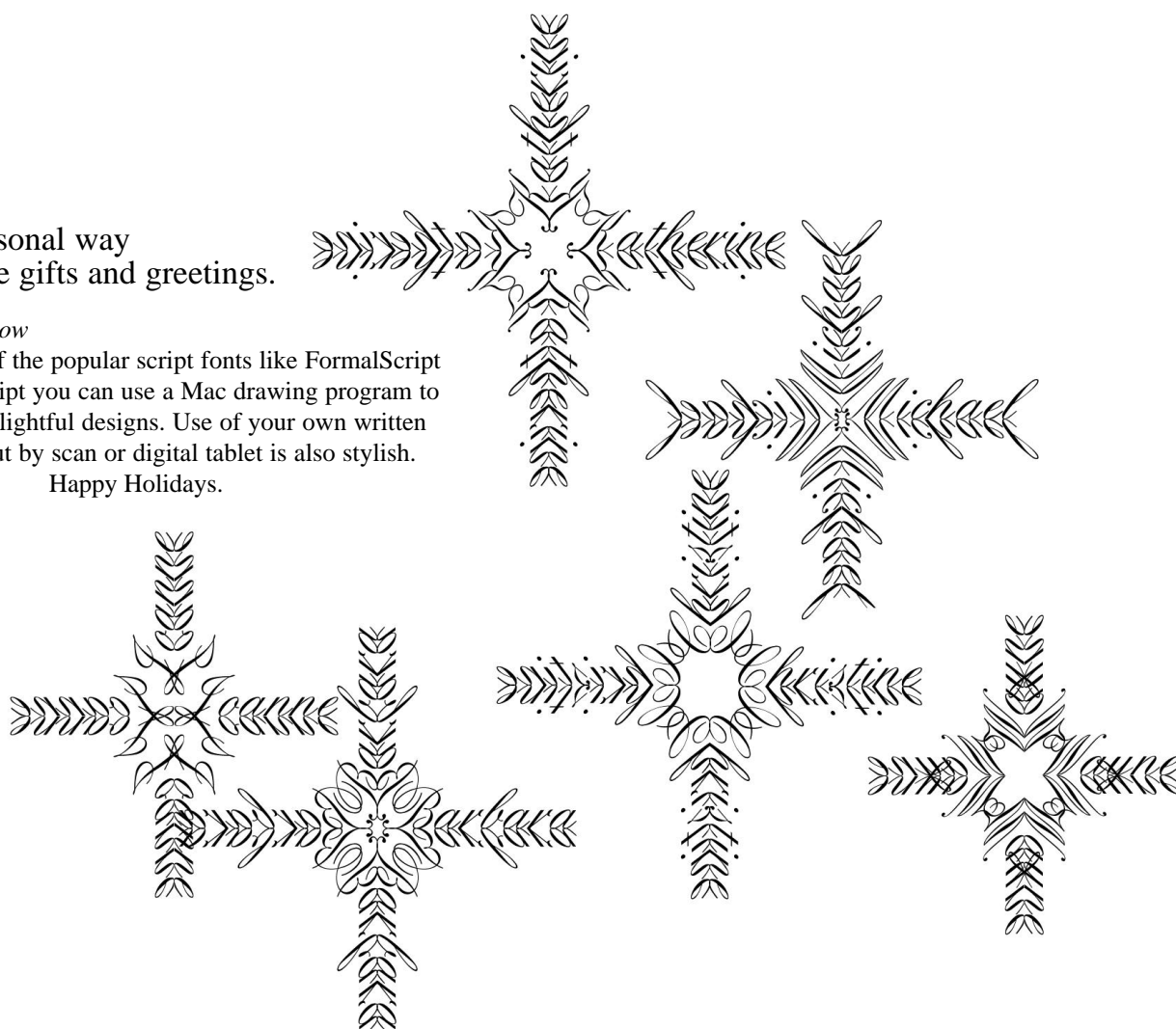
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Here is a seasonal way
to personalize gifts and greetings.

by Michael Zastrow

Using one of the popular script fonts like FormalScript or Freestyle Script you can use a Mac drawing program to create these delightful designs. Use of your own written signature input by scan or digital tablet is also stylish.

Happy Holidays.



Coming This Month...

In keeping with the holiday mood, our December main meeting will be as much fun as a three-ring circus.

In the big top (room) will be Specular International. Channing Daniel, their Channel Sales Manager, will be joining us for the evening to demonstrate their graphics products. Included on the program will be Infini-D, their integrated 3-D and animation high-end product; LogoMotion, their entry-level integrated 3-D and animation product; and TextureScape, which creates tileable swatches suitable for use in Web-page construction. If time permits (and if interest exists), she will also show us Collage, a program that facilitates layout of multiple-digital-image items much like a page layout program does. Specular is a Macintosh-only shop, and Channing brings more than the average sales person's knowledge of

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Board of Directors Business in Brief: October 18, 1995

- Decided to continue the TROU Volunteer of the Year Award (6:0:0) and selected a specific individual for the 1995 award (5:0:1)
- Decided to purchase additional hard drive for the BBS (6:0:0)
- Decided to establish a petty cash fund for use by function leaders (6:0:0)
- Authorized submission of an application for a 2nd class postage permit (6:0:0)
- Decided to purchase Quark 3.3 video tapes (6:0:0)
- Approved up to \$100 in support of a potluck holiday party at the December meeting (6:0:0)
- Decided to charge vendors for displays in the hall outside the library's MultiPurpose Room (6:0:0).

Coming This Month...

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technical details from having supervised their technical support line for some time, so we should have an entertaining and informative presentation. Specular will be offering us a special discount on their entire line of products through December 31st, so if you miss the meeting you can request a coupon by calling the voicemail line.

John Boynton and Steve Greenberg, from Rockwell Network Systems (RNS) will be providing the side show. Steve will be making a brief presentation and then will join John in the hall at the vendors tables to discuss their networking solutions for PCI-based Macintosh computers with whoever might be interested. RNS manufactures and markets diverse data communications products, including remote access products and high-performance network adapters based on industry standard protocols such as TCP/IP, IPX, SNMP, Ethernet, FDDI, ISDN and the industry standard buses such as PCI/PMC, VME, ISA, EISA, and Sbus. Rockwell has taken its FASTrace™ high performance network design, once used only for real-time aerospace applications, and implemented this superior technology into the FDDI and Fast Ethernet PCI adapters.

Finally, in the refreshments "tent" we will have the Pot Luck goodies provided by many generous members.

This evening will also include drawings for additional door prizes made available by many generous vendors and the special drawing to reward 1995 volunteers!

It should be an excellent evening for all, so mark your calendar now for December 6th at 6 pm!

Margaret Lundahl, Program Director

Special Election - TROU Treasurer

TROU will hold a special election just for the office of Treasurer at the January 3rd meeting. This announcement is an invitation for those interested in fulfilling the duties of this office. Modest financial report experience and maximum TROU spirit preferred. Candidates need to have been a member of TROU for the past 12 months.

Interested members need to notify any member of the current Board of Directors of their intent to run for the office before the official close of the December 6th meeting.

Candidates should be prepared to provide brief biographical information for publication in the election notice and the newsletter by December 7th. The office of Treasurer is for the current term which extends to October 1996.

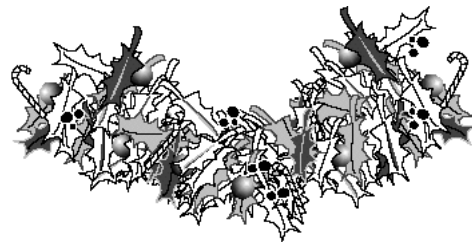


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IMHO

by *Charlie McCulloch*

Adobe Systems presented a wide range of products at the November meeting. Most of us are familiar with the acquisition of Aldus by Adobe earlier this year. Phil Oenning from Adobe confirmed their latest acquisition, Frame Technologies. Frame's lead product, Frame Maker, is the premier long document processing application and should nicely complement PageMaker.

Speaking of PageMaker, Michele Broccardo reviewed the new features of PM 6.0. Strong emphasis has been placed on upgrading the color management capabilities of PM, and it now supports Kodak's Color Management System as well as the Pantone Matching System.

This release finally incorporates several features that have long been on users' wish lists. Objects can now be

grouped and aligned from within PM, instead of using plug-ins. Also, a document can have more than one master page.

PageMaker can create PDF files, apply Photoshop filters, and create HTML files (via a plug-in). The first two features tie logically to two Adobe products, Acrobat and Photoshop. The third feature is blown away by another recent Adobe acquisition, PageMill from Ceneca Systems.

PageMill is to creating Web pages as PageMaker 1.0 was to desktop publishing. It seems that business and personal web pages are becoming ubiquitous. Movies, news programs, newspapers, real estate companies, your kid at college – they all have a web page. Creating one is not difficult, but it does require patience and at least a basic understanding of HTML codes – or a copy of PageMill. Creating a web page is as simple as dragging text and graphics onto a window, applying attributes from a

menu, and creating links by going to another page.

Phil also did quick reviews of Illustrator 6.0 and After Effects. Illustrator will support TIFF files and import images from other applications such as Photoshop. After Effects adds animation to Photoshop and Illustrator files.

As one who used PM 1.0 on a Mac Plus, as well as several succeeding versions of PageMaker, I am in awe of many of the features of these new programs, but can see little of use to those who are not graphics professionals. The complexity of the programs and the high-end equipment required to operate them place them out of reach for most users. Nevertheless, they do provide great “gee-whiz” demonstrations of the power of the Mac and, inevitably, these features get integrated into programs that do have a more direct effect on everyday users.

Word 6 Starter Kit for Macintosh: a review

by *Judy Epstein*

In 1984 I was always one of the first to try any new Mac program. (Just trying to find a Mac program was a challenge.) Nowadays, however, there are so many Mac programs that I have fallen far behind. I have been using Microsoft Word for the Mac ever since it appeared and have Word© 5.1 tailored to my needs. So when Word 6 came out, I was in no hurry to install it. Judging by the comments about Word 6, that was a good idea. Now that I have read the book, ‘Word 6 Starter Kit for Macintosh’, I am eager to try Word 6 since there are many new features which I like. Hopefully, I won't regret this decision.

‘Word 6 Starter Kit for Macintosh’ is geared to intermediate users. This means that you should have a good understanding of your Macintosh and what word processing means. Instead of chapters, the book consists of steps. Each step begins with the topics that are covered, and then the specific steps for achieving a goal.

The table of contents is very well organized. You can find what you need to know and go immediately to the proper step. In addition to the descriptive text, there are annotated figures that show precisely what to do, and tables of information that delineate topics. In the margins you'll find Tips that point out

tricky ways to get the most out of Word, Cautions that explain how to avoid problems, Notes that give supplemental information for people who have a lot of questions or who are more advanced in their knowledge of Word, and Shortcuts that point out quick ways of doing things in Word.

Steps contain many italicized words. To find out what an italicized word means, you can look it up in the Teaching Glossary at the back of the book or use the version that comes on the accompanying disk. The disk version has many examples and hypertext links. The teaching disk also contains templates which provide custom toolbars with buttons, and a document listing contact information for third-party products which enhance Word.

Tonya Engst is a former Microsoft employee whose job was helping Macintosh Word users on the telephone. She has produced an excellent book. I recommend ‘Word 6 Starter Kit for Macintosh’ highly.

‘Word 6 Starter Kit for Macintosh’

by *Tonya Engst*

Hayden Books, ISBN 1-56830-035-2, \$25.00

T. Engst is also co-author of ‘TidBITS’

<http://king.tidbits.com/>

Your board, a blend of new and previous Directors, is under way for the new year. One effect of annual elections is that in explaining what we do to newly elected persons, we review our goals and processes. That is a good thing. Reviewing leads to clarifying, questioning, re-affirming, sometimes modifying, and refocusing on the main track. The first board meetings of the fiscal year have full and tight agendas but the work up front should prove worthwhile as the year's efforts proceed. As last year, we will be reporting the substantive decisions from each monthly meeting. As always, I invite you to contact me personally if you have questions, comments or ideas you would like us to consider. This is your group; your board is working to "preserve, protect and provide for" your club and is accountable to you, the membership. Please let there be bi-directional communication during the year and not just a one way street of instructions and announcements from me (and my board members) to you.

As I have mentioned previously, I write this column a good three weeks before you receive the newsletter by mail. I am, therefore, careful to avoid writing things which may well be stale by the time our newsletter reaches

you. However I have to risk being wrong, come December, by saying that at this moment our Holiday party promises slim food pickin's because of the low number of responses to our request for food and party stuff donations. I am characteristically optimistic and will want nothing better, in this instance, than to be proven inaccurate by a large outpouring of potluck donations for the party. But I have to honestly report what I see in the first week of November. Remember that this year TROU is not providing the entrees as in the past two years. Everything has to be donated and if many of us bring food sufficient for 8 persons while others bring paper goods and amenities, we can have a super-fabulous party meeting. I echo my words above: this is your group which means you have to put a bit into the group so that it can provide the best for all of us.

For coordination purposes I ask that you inform me what you plan to bring. E-mail me c/o our BBS, phone me (312-935-9493) or fax me (312-871-2177)

As I am lecturing you about putting forth for TROU, let me remind you that we always need member efforts in

several ways. This month I remind you that we welcome ads for our newsletter, to offset costs and that members who bring in ads participate in the fee. A little bit from many will do a whole lot for all.

Speaking of things TROU members gain from the club, we had plentiful goodies for members last month. Vince Jans won a copy of NOW Software's PIM software as well as a CD ROM medley, FOMACS VI. Joy Lewis likewise won a CD sampler put out for the summer's MacWorld Expo. Joe Kelly took home a copy of Adobe Wild Type. A book/CD combination pertaining to Macromedia Director went to Aaron Meyer. Mark Braun won the copy of PageMaker 6.0 donated by Adobe and Rick Burhop won Aldus Paint & Publish [*Editor's note: Aldus Super Paint & Aldus Home Publisher - confusingly enough also from Adobe, but donated by Ms. Passman. MALJ.* Tom Shirley won a PageMaker instructional book/CD combo.

Enjoy, enjoy.

Barbara

Welcome and thanks to our new and renewing members!

New to TROU- Yvonne Dabrowski, Gene Kahen, James G. Kelly, Kathy Corday Lidbury, Robert Misch, Career Planning & Placement (Columbia College), Andy & Sam Ruff, Josh Samos, Therese Smith, David Spear

Recently renewed - Rich Baranski, Randy Barber, Tom Buckley, Joseph Byrne, A.M. Concepcion, Paul Cook, Linda Cowsls, Robert Crombie, Theresa Dal Bianco, Mariann Detterline, Joseph Fong, Max Forster, Bill Geraci, Polly Greathouse, Peter Holland III, Edward Hoveke, Lloyd Kohler, Claude Leineke, Margaret Lundahl, George Mariner, Frank M.M.G. Moens, Bill Rogers, Frank Sadowski, JoAnne Schachter, Stephen Sills, Lisa Smith, Ray Speare, William Sutton, Jacqueline Tanaka, Faith Weeks, Peter Wendt, John Whitt, Barbara Williams

Cross Country MUGettes

Talking ClarisWorks

If you are running System 7.5 and ClarisWorks 2.1 or later, your Mac can read your text back to you. You must either [have] Apple's Speech Manager or MacinTalk. I used Speech Manager. Here's how:

1. Open a new ClarisWorks word processing document.
2. Under the File menu select Edit Shortcuts from the Shortcuts menu.
3. Scroll to the pair of lips. Click on it and Add.
4. Back in ClarisWorks, be sure you select Show Shortcuts from Shortcuts in the File menu.
5. Type a few words. Highlight them.
6. Click the Lips and you will hear your words spoken.

Thanks to 'MC/DC', East Tennessee MUG.

Curly Quotes and Inch Marks

When you have the curly quote feature turned on in your word processor, but you want to use the straight marks for noting feet and inches try this:

To produce the straight foot mark(') press Shift-Option-E. To get the straight inch mark (") , press Shift-Option-G. If you are using QuarkXPress, press Control' or Control". Whichever feature you have activated, it will do just the opposite. If your preferences are set for straight quotes, it will give you curly quotes.

Thanks to 'AppleGram', Dallas Apple Corps.

Mac Window woes?

If you have a problem with Windows under SoftWindows on the Macintosh, hold the Shift key down when starting SoftWindows. This forces DOS to start with basic AUTOEXEC.BAT and CONFIG.SYS files to facilitate problem solving.

Thanks to 'PennPrintout', U of Penn MUG.

NFL online

On your opening visit, start with the latest NFL results, drop back to NFL teams, then pass to NFL newswire. By the time you tackle the NFL library, this site just might force you into overtime (<http://www.nflhome.com/>).

Thanks to 'PennPrintout', U of Penn MUG.

System 7.5 Cache

Unlike previous Systems, with 7.5, the larger the cache, the faster you run.

Thanks to Phil Russell, 'Mouse Droppings'.

Read Only - *Not!*

To change a 'read only' SimpleText or TeachText file to an editable file, change its type from ttro (TeachText Read Only) to TEXT. Use DiskTop, FileType, MorGetInfo, [File Buddy] or ResEdit to make this change.

Thanks to 'Mouse Droppings', Corvallis MUG.

Registration fees are your friend?

Why should we celebrate being charged money? Many reasons, some political, some legal, some financial, some practical.

First, this move establishes an independent source of funding for the InterNIC, independent of political vagaries. For now, foundation funding is probably safe, given the importance placed on the Internet by House of Representatives Speaker Newt Gingrich and Vice-President Al Gore.

Second, the National Science Foundation noted that a 30 percent of the income will go to a legal fund to deal with the vast potential for lawsuits. Under the existing agreement with the foundation, U.S. taxpayers would pick up any legal bills, but the new agreement requires NSI to pay the bills from this fund. Remarkably, InterNIC has not yet been sued over domain name decisions.

Third, InterNIC cannot keep up with the registration load given the current funding. More funding means more automation; the foundation said in one part of the announcement that InterNIC will clear through the backlog of registrations by the end of October, given its new ability to spend based on income derived from fees.

Fourth, the Internet has always been about paying your own way, despite NSFNet and other subsidies. Even though Internet use always appeared "free" to users at academic institutions, money has always been involved. These days, any commercial Internet user is paying for an account, a lease line, an Internet feed - whatever.

Fifth, this mechanism will somewhat reduce the proliferation of domain names, release unused and unwanted domains, and involve more accountability. The recent move by Kraft and Proctor & Gamble to register hundreds of domain names, some of them trademarks and others just English words, could have been prevented if InterNIC had had enough time and staff. Many thousands of the 110,000 domains extant are probably inactive; why not reduce the administrative and technical burden in maintaining them?

Thanks to Glenn Fleishman (glen@popco.com), 'ClubMac Newsletter', Toronto MUG.

Editor's note: The Domain name registration process and confirmation time has indeed improved. As compared to the 4-6 week long wait of 6 months ago, I have received confirmation of domain names in as little as 24 hours, more than once, these past two weeks.

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Kansas City MacCore Newsletter Mentions The Rest Of Us

TROU's appreciation to the Kansas City Mac Computer Owner's Resource Exchange for mentioning us in their most recent newsletter. The Chicago MUG Web site and our group's newsletter are boldly pointed to as one of the five "Good Places to Begin" in Internet of Interest.

**TROU MAIN MEETING -
Wednesday, December 6th**

Doors open 5:30 PM, meeting starts at 6 PM, at the Harold Washington Public Library (see map on back cover). Specular International, Rockwell Network Systems and Holiday Potluck Party. Next meeting: Wednesday, January 3rd: Speaker will be TROUser Bill Geraci.

**FUN•DAMENTALS SIG -
Wednesday, December 6th**

8:15 PM at the Harold Washington Public Library following main meeting (see above).

**NORTHWEST OF US General
Meeting - Sat., December 2nd**

Meets at the Arlington Park Hilton, 3400 W. Euclid, Arlington Heights, IL. 10 AM-1 PM. Info: (708) 603-1296.

C.A.T. SIG - Sat., December 9th

10 AM to 1 PM at Lipschultz, Levin & Gray, 900 Skokie Blvd, Northbrook IL. Call Ira Markus at (708) 205-5404 if you are planning to attend.

4-D SIG - Mon., December 11th

6:00 PM at Goose Island Brewery, 1800 N. Clybourn. Call Tim Wilson at (312) 862-4555 if you are planning to attend so he can reserve space.

**MAC MANAGEMENT SIG -
Wednesday, December 13th**

6:00 PM at Duff & Phelps, 55 E. Monroe, 36th Fl.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

INTERNET SIG -

Thursday, December 14th

5:45 PM. Check with David Sperling for location (D-Sperling@bgu.edu).

GRAPHICS SIG -

Saturday, December 16th

10 am - Noon at Helix, 310 S. Racine, 8th Fl. PageMaker 6.0 and the Holiday Party. Dave Doty and Eda Warren will be giving the PageMaker tour, with special guests Tom Petrillo and Michele Broccardo from the Chicago Adobe team on hand to add a demo of Cosa After Effects 3.0. Next meeting: January 20th - Member's day. Show your favorite extension, project, game, program, whatever. Call Eda now to get on the Show List, PLEASE! (312) 248-8211.

TROU BOARD MEETING -

Wednesday, December 20th

6:30 PM. For location call Barbara Passman (312) 935-9493.

C.A.T. SIG - Thurs., Dec. 21st

6:30-8:30 PM at Lipschultz, Levin & Gray, 900 Skokie Blvd, Northbrook IL. Call Ira Markus at (708) 205-5404 if you are planning to attend.

ENTREPRENEUR SIG -

Thursday, December 21st*

6 PM at Law Office of Gary Cooke, 360 N. Michigan, Suite 1116, Chicago IL 60601.

*Regularly scheduled night; no info at press time. Please call coordinator to confirm.

Not Meeting in December

FileMaker Pro
Multimedia SIG
Photo Imaging SIG
Quark XPress SIG
SIG Newton

For more info on a SIG, you can contact the SIG's Coordinator (numbers are listed on page 2)

***For later developments,
call the voice mail line
(312) 409-2426.***

SIG Leaders -

Do all TROUsers a favor.
Please call (312) 409-2426 and leave a message in the SIG voice mailbox or send E-mail to Larry Theis on TROU BBS about your meeting.
The next deadline for our events list is December 8th.

Kudos

TROU extends our warmest thanks to those persons and companies who assist us by providing equipment, services and facilities:

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Lipschultz, Levin & Gray (SIG meeting space), **Mac My Day** (main meeting computer, newsletter production materials & SIG meeting space), **Mac University** (SIG meeting space).

'Tis Simple

The Dreaded System Crash and What to Do About It

Sometimes users become confused by what a "System Crash" is and what to do when one gets you.

'Tis simple.

The Ways a Mac Crashes

Let's say you've led a good and moral life. But one day, you can't use your Mac any more. Here are some symptoms of a "crash":

- When you move the mouse around, the pointer remains in one place.
- The pointer follows your mouse movement but when you click the mouse button nothing happens (ie, you can't select anything).
- You get the dreaded System Bomb dialog box.
- Your screen gets messed up (interrupted by lines or such)

All of these disturbing happenings mean one of two things. The fix could be simple or, well, interesting.

"Never Neglect the Physical Layer"

There may be a simple explanation for the first two cases above. If the point-

er won't follow your mouse movement, you should check all the cables that go from your "pointing device" (this is usually a mouse but could be something like a trackball or Glidepoint) into the back of your Mac, usually through your keyboard. If one of those plugs is pulled out, not firmly plugged in, or a cable is cut or crimped, then the electrical signal from your mouse (and/or keyboard) can't get to the Mac!

Check this first when you have mouse-related problems. If possible, swap out the cables, keyboard and mouse with another set you know works. You may be able to isolate one part of this hardware that isn't working.

If checking the mouse, keyboard and cables doesn't help or if the problem is one of the last two descriptions, read on!

What Is a Crash?

All that stuff in your System Folder does a whole lot of stuff for you, some you are likely familiar with, some not. A "Crash" (as defined above) means that something has happened down at the System level which has stopped your Mac from working properly.

If you have a crash, there is only one thing to do: get your Mac back by restarting the machine. Most of the rest of this article details how you restart a Mac. But some of you may wonder Why? The answer is: Who knows? Who cares? As long as you get your Mac back working ... it may not be worth the time to figure out why you had a crash. UNLESS you can repeat the crash—once you've got a repeatable pattern you're in trouble! (The three articles preceding this one dealt with how to install/reinstall software when you have repeated crashing or other problems.)

How to Get Back

Here, in order of preference, are the steps to take to get a Mac back from a crash.

Try to Force Quit the application

If you have a Mac running System v7 or greater, you may be able to quit just the offending application by holding down the Command-Option keys and hitting the Esc key, then clicking OK in the dialog box asking if you want to "Force Quit" the program. When this works, your Mac just goes back to usual. This doesn't work very often

Click the Continue button on the Bomb dialog box

The bomb dialog box may have a Continue button in addition to the Restart button. If it does, you may lose the open program, but keep the Mac running. This is quite rare but does exist

Click the Restart button on the Bomb dialog Box

This will cause your Mac to start up again. This doesn't work very often.

Press the keyboard combination that restarts your Mac

If you have a Mac running System v7 or greater, you may restart the Mac by holding down the Command-Option keys and hitting the power-on key (the one with the triangle at the top of your keyboard). This doesn't work very often Most of the Macs made since around 1990 support this keyboard restart.

Press the restart button on the body of the Mac

On the front or side of the case of your Mac will be one or two little buttons. Pressing these will restart your Mac.

Unplug and replug the power cord

If all of the above fail, cut the power.

Suggestions?

Please let me know what you'd like to know about: from the basic to the sublime to the silly. I'd love to hear all your comments.

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(BIF)[®] PROGRAM

(Bring In a Friend)

- **Purpose:** To reward TROU members for helping to promote our Chicago MUG.
- **Description:** Any current member who recommends (signs up) a new member will receive \$20.00 in \$TROUBux. These \$TROUBux can be used for any of the TROU Member Services including raffle tickets, public domain disks, video library rental fees, newsletter advertising, or special events. \$TROUBux will be sent to the sponsor member when the new member pays one year's dues.

DISCOUNTS AND DEALS

TROU Discounts

Gamma Photo is offering TROU members a 10% discount off the fees for the classes given by their Gamma Technical Institute, located at 314 W. Superior. Classes are offered on Mac Fundamentals, Kodak Photo CD, Illustrator, Photoshop, Pagemaker and Quark, for fees retailing from \$75 to \$150 per 3-hour session. For more info, call Lee Miller at 312-337-0022.

Thanks to Roger Lau for making us this offer!

Specular is offering Infini-D 3.0 for \$499, Collage for \$199, TextureScape 1.5 for \$99, LogoMotion 1.5 for \$79 and Replicas CD-Rom for \$99. Shipping and Handling \$15. Call 1-800-213-3314. *[Editor's note: the special TROU discount offered for the month after the meeting may be better. If you are interested and did not pick up the coupon at the meeting, call the voicemail and request one. MAL]*

AP Professional is offering 20% off User Group discounts on all their computer books. Tell them DM33392 to get your discount. Call them at 1-800-3131-App. Good until March 1, 96. They do charge shipping, handling and tax. Check your discount book stores first.

PageMill is \$99 until Jan 31, 96 from Adobe at 1-800-411-8657.

Passage to Vietnam book and CD are \$56 plus \$5.95 shipping and handling. This is supposed to be a 20% off discount. Look around first. 1-800-558-3388 dept 619. The CD is less at UG STORE.

MacFly the gamestick for Mac is \$43 plus \$3 S/H for user group members 409-824-3332.

Mainstay is offering Vip Basic or Vip C for \$49.95. plus \$10 S/H until Dec 31. Call 1-800-484-9817.

InTouch is \$39.95 until December 31 including shipping to our members. 1-800-346-5392

Discovery Channel Multimedia is offering How Animals Move, Nile Passage to Egypt, Ocean Planet, Wing over Europe and Wings Korea to Vietnam for \$34.95 and Professor Iris, The Beer Hunter, Sharks, In the Company of Whales for \$29.95. These CD's are available until December 31, 95 by calling 1-800-685-9004.

Cassady and Green have 3 game CD's AmoebArena, Glider Pro and Zone Warrior. Buy one for \$24.95, two for \$34.95 or all three for \$49.95. S/H is additional. 1-800-359-4920. Until Dec 31. Ask for User Group Game Special.

ParSoft is offering A-10 Attack (a flight simulator) for \$39.95 plus S/H. 214-479-0937

Apple User Group Store

Refurbished Products & Hot Specials

Information on what the User Group Store has to offer has been mailed directly to members who have not restricted the distribution

of their address. The listing is available in the on the TROUBBS as well as on eWorld. They also have the full catalog on the Web now: <http://www.ugstore.com/>. If you would like a copy of the new catalog and one was not mailed to you, call 1-800-350-4UG STORE and ask for your copy.

Catalogs are printed far in advance of recent price drops so always ask for the current price. It seems as if prices go down every couple of weeks, which is good news for all of us. Call for prices and availability, but also check that price as you look around. You never know what may be in stock at any given time.

Two highlights in case you missed seeing them: When you purchase any of the eligible **Radius** items listed in the catalog between now and December 31st, you are eligible for a \$200 REBATE directly from Radius. Send in the form that UG Store Customer Service Representatives will send you, with a copy of your purchase receipt, and Radius will send you a \$200 check! Radius is having rebates on their graphic cards and monitors also. \$200 rebate on these cards.

Two of the new Radius 81/110 systems, used for only TWO days for the Macromedia Conference at Moscone Center in San Francisco, are available at considerable savings because they are selling them as "demo units." All standard Radius warranties and Customer Rebates (see above) apply to these units.

Ongoing Discounts to Keep in Mind

Special corporate pricing is available from **MacWarehouse** by calling Laura Shaw at 1-800-622-6222 ext 3613 or 6673.

Best **phone numbers** out there are Apple's 800/sos-apple for help and 800/350-4ug store to order computers thru User Group Connection.

20% discount on computer books purchased at **Waterstone's Booksellers** (840 N. Michigan).

ITRC computer courses are available for TROU members at discounted prices on a stand-by basis. Orientation sessions (2-2.5 hours) are \$25; hands-on courses (4 hours) are \$65. Call (312) 372-4872 for class schedules and class availability.

Note: If you experience any difficulty with these or any other special offers, please let us know by calling the voicemail!

Classifieds

For sale: Apple CD 150 - CD ROM drive for Mac Computer and/or audio CDs. \$75 OBO. Call Sheri at 312-477-6692.

For sale: SE30 8 x 80, 50 MHZ accelerator, extended keyboard, dual page black/white monitor w/card & Imagewriter printer, Targa Case, Modem & many extras. \$1100 for everything, OBO. Call George 312-871-8881.

Global Village Teleport Gold Modems for sale:

One previous owner (TROU) - modems have been gently treated. 14,400 bps send-data and receive-data capability, as well as **14,400 bps send-fax** and receive-fax capability. Wonderfully reliable. No manuals. **\$ 90.00 each. Great gift idea:** Perfect first modem for friend or family. 312-409-2426 and leave message, or email: BBSAdministrator@TROUBBS.org Thanks.

There is a sleighful of goodies on our Chicago MUG BBS waiting for members. Here are some of the packages with your name on them.

- **Hot Apple® Tech Notes**

Dozens of money-saving, nerve-soothing, power-enabling fact-sheets from Apple® are now available online. Example topics are 'System Crashes and Basic Troubleshooting' and 'Connecting SCSI Devices'.

- **Project Gutenberg 1990-1995**

The complete collection of world famous literature available in digital form by the generous efforts of the Gutenberg Project. Additional files in the collection include MPG motion video clips. Two titles from the trove are 'Walden' by Henry David Thoreau and 'Webster's Unabridged Dictionary'.

- **Christmas Time 2.01**

A seasonal delight for those who interact with it and those who view it with their children and grandchildren. Postcardware by Grace Sylvan.

Holiday Treats

- **Choosing a Chicagoland ISP.pdf**

Helpful, definitive, timely and valuable are how this fine PDF can be described. 'InterAccess' and 'WorldWide Access' are our members' favorites: details about these two and an additional **three dozen** other providers are but one part of this file. Freeware by TROUser Rob Jolly.

- **Screen saver stocking stuffers**

Collager. Freeware which composes dynamic images in unique styles. By Stephen Linhart.

Luna. Provides an updated view of the current phase of our moon. Freeware by Stephen Linhart & Jason Linhart.

Happy New Year.

Loony Labyrinth™1.02 : a review

by Gabriel Alfaro

About twenty years ago, you could find pinball machines everywhere, but today they're pretty scarce. If you enjoyed playing them back then, you'll probably enjoy playing Loony Labyrinth. If you're like me and were never amused by pinball machines, you still may find this game addicting. StarPlay Productions' Loony Labyrinth is a pinball machine that you play on your Mac. The theme of the game is the Minotaur/Labyrinth.

When my name was announced in the raffle, I was excited, because I never win anything. Then, I saw that it was a pinball game and that excited feeling was dampened. I didn't expect to have much fun with this game, so I grudgingly loaded it on my Mac. Installation was simple, just copy two files to your hard drive. They merge together once you double click on the application. Enter your name and registration number and you're

suddenly transported back to the 70's. The pinball machine, viewed from above, appears on your screen. You

pretend to insert coins, then choose new game from the menu and your little silver ball appears in the chute. Your shift key is the virtual plunger, press it, and the fun begins.

After a few seconds, you'll notice what I consider the most annoying feature of this game. It's the cheesy 70's vintage background music, which plays behind the sound effects of the paddles. I keep expecting Charlie's Angels or The Love Boat crew to bust through my door whenever I hear that music. Luckily, there is an option to turn off the music without turning off the realistic sound effects.

I was impressed with the graphics, especially the realistic action of the ball. It mimics the random action of a real ball, which is why I wasn't very good at playing it. It increased the frustration level, but that didn't stop me from having fun playing it. StarPlay has a monthly high score contest with the opportunity to win a free t-shirt. You can also purchase the t-shirts if you get a score of 250,000,000 or above. My highest score so far has been 28,000,000. That means I only need another 222,000,000 points!

The manual is compact and contains all the relevant features required. If you already know how to play pinball, you probably won't need to read much of it. I suppose the in-depth explanation of strategies would have helped get a higher score, but that was more than I wanted to know about playing a game. If I ever get serious about that contest, I guess I'll have to learn that stuff. For now, random paddle flipping is fun enough. Whether or not you liked playing pinball back in the old days, I think you'll enjoy playing this game.

This game was played on a Mac Centris 610 and a Performa 637CD, both running System 7.5.1. It takes up about 4MB of hard drive space and requires between 2.5 and 4MB RAM. It worked flawlessly on both Macs.



Membership

The Rest Of Us Macintosh User's Group (TROU) is dedicated to providing support and information about Macintosh™ computers to our members. Membership is open to anyone interested in the Macintosh™ family of computers.

Benefits for all members include:

- attendance at monthly meetings
- participation in raffle at meetings
- participation in SIGS
- eligibility for discounts
- access to Bulletin Board System
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- member prices for color prints
- rental of training videos

Membership Categories:

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TROU Video Library

TROU now has several sets of MacAcademy training videos, which provide an easy and convenient way to learn how to use Mac programs. All transactions occur at TROU general meetings. Tape rental fees are \$10 per tape for one month's rental. A deposit of \$30 for each tape will be required at time of rental which will be returned when the tapes are returned. A waiting list for titles is maintained.

Tapes currently in the library are:

- ClarisWorks 2.0 (6 tapes)
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- Illustrator 5.0 (5 tapes)
- Macintosh System 7.5 (4 tapes)
- PageMaker 5 (4 tapes)
- PhotoShop 2.5 (5 tapes)
- PhotoShop 3.0 (6 tapes)
- QuarkXPress 3.2 (3 tapes)
- QuarkXPress 3.3 (4 tapes)
- Word 5.1 (4 tapes)

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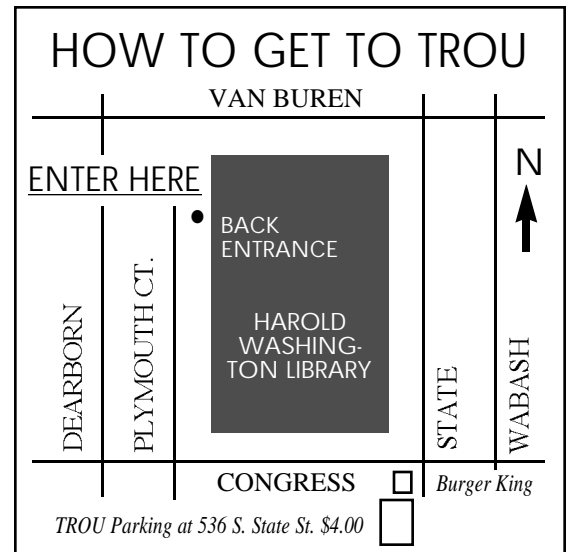
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